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Historical Society needed sign for \$8,600 grant; high school students come to their rescue

When the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum recently was awarded a matching funds grant in the amount of \$8,600 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for stabilization of Carbondale City Hall and Courthouse, one of the conditions imposed on the group by the state was the construction of a project sign to explain funding. While a sign is certainly a valid requirement, the several hundred dollars it would cost posed a problem - it took moneys away from the actual purpose of the project - repairs to city hall. Although \$17,200 is a lot of money, city hall has costly repairs to be done, and every dollar saved is important.

When Joseph Dickey of the North Vo-Tech Building Trades Program heard about the problems facing the Historical Society, he did something about it. His students made a 4x8 foot sign, Dickey took it over to the school's Drafting class where, under the direction of Gary Bossi, the lettering was applied. It then went back to Dickey's class for painting and construction of legs. Then it was all ready to be delivered. Last Wednesday, under the direction of Dickey and S. Robert Powell, Historical Society president, the sign was installed in front of City Hall.

Half the Vo-Tech

students involved are from Carbondale, Tom Tyler, Frank Molinaro, Ted Moyle, and T. J. Mascaro. The others who worked on the project were Vince Sardo, John Kollar, Joe Vojick, and Joe Kocho.

This wasn't the first time the Building Trades class has gotten involved with community organizations. Besides doing work for the Vo-Tech school itself, they've built a new wall for the lion's den, some new sidewalks, and a swim-

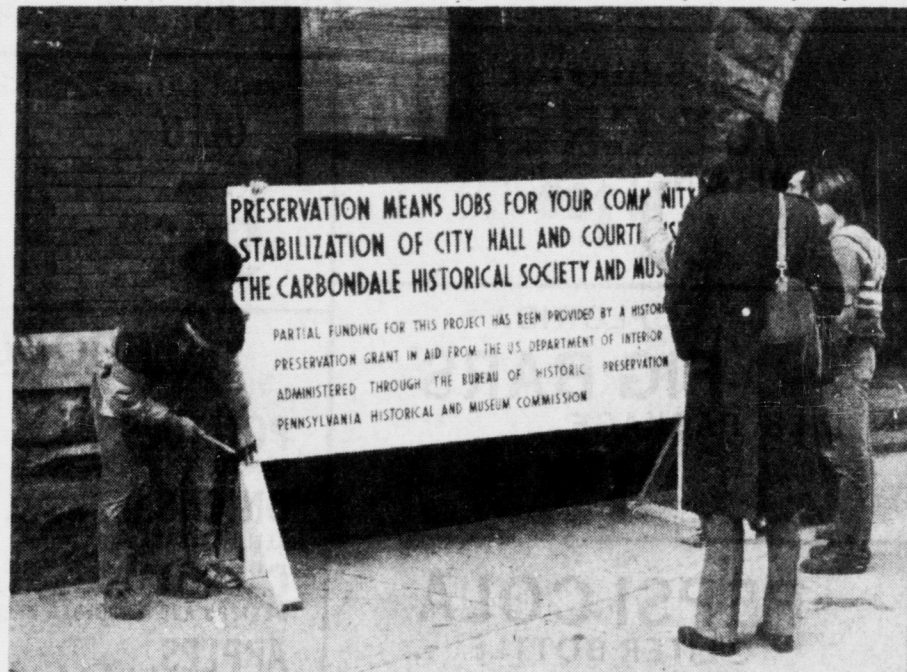
ming pool for the monkeys at Scranton's Nay Aug Zoo.

The group also helped out at the Lackawanna County Courthouse by building and installing over 30 book cases for the law library. The attorneys had donated the cost of the materials and the students completed the project.

This was the second year for a very special undertaking. The students devoted several days to making toys for local children, giving their

workshop the appearance of a small factory as rows of jeeps, space shuttles, and trains took up every available inch of space. (Naturally, they were all made of wood.) The Toys for Tots program handled distribution.

"It's really great," says Dickey. "We can help out the community in a very important way, and the students are learning different aspects of the trade. It works out perfectly for everybody."



STUDENTS FROM THE NORTH VO-TECH'S BUILDING TRADES PROGRAM helped out the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum last week by constructing a project sign for the work which the Society is undertaking on City Hall. Here the students are shown installing the 4x8 foot sign in front of the building.



THE CARBONDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY held election of officers for 1984 at the society's December 20 annual meeting and Christmas Party at Andrew's Banquet Hall, Gordon Avenue. Those elected are, left

to right, Howard Yepson, treasurer; S. Robert Powell, president; John V. Buberniak, first vice president; Robert Tomaine, secretary; Hank Loftus Jr., second vice president.

operator -- came in to where Mary Ellen & I were and I thanked her for her good work on our behalf. She was very pleased to be publicly praised -- as well she might be.

Bob Tomaine wrote this article and took this photograph. He "Syndicated the CHSM" that is shown below was taken by RGT as well. He set up the ^{NEWS} camera on his tripod and put the delayed timer on & then got in the photograph. It is an excellent photograph in my opinion. The photograph was taken in the Pious Bar at Andrew's Banquet Hall on Gordon Avenue on December 20, 1983.